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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN

A Correction and an Apology

The opening article of last month's MONTEREY NEWS read in part as follows: "John Pizzichemi has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the unexpired term of George Helmrich until elections are held at the Town Meeting in May. Two alternate members will be appointed annually..." This is manifestly absurd, the key words having been left out. John Pizzichemi is filling the unexpired term of George Helmrich on the Finance Committee, and two alternate members of the Board of Appeals will be appointed annually. The Editor apologizes!

New Service Initiated by Southern Berkshire Community Action

Beginning December 10, Southern Berkshire Community Action has initiated a new service for residents of the area. In conjunction with the non-profit transportation organization "Uncle John's Vans," it will sponsor a bus trip from south county towns into Great Barrington every Tuesday, which will augment the existing Friday trip into Pittsfield. The service is free, but donations are accepted. It is intended to serve persons without other transportation within their means who need to get into Great Barrington for shopping, medical appointments, hospital visits, etc. The bus will make pick-ups in south county towns in the morning, making stops in Great Barrington at the Fair Shopping Center, Main Street, Fairview Hospital and Grant City. The return trip will leave Great Barrington in the late afternoon. Interested persons should call Southern Berkshire Community Action, 528-1947, for more information or to make reservations.

Family Planning Serves Monterey Women

The Family Planning Council in Great Barrington reports use of their services by many women in Monterey. The staff is pleased to serve all southern Berkshire towns and hopes to see more Monterey women throughout the coming year. The agency has a new location on Main Street, next to Melvin's Pharmacy, which houses the offices as well as the clinic site. Family Planning is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, and holds a weekly income-scaled clinic from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Confidential counselling on many aspects of female health care and a complete gynecological examination are available. Call 528-4238 for an appointment or drop in any time to discuss your concerns.

Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Town Bylaws to Be Published

The Environmental Impact Statement and the Revised Bylaws of the Town of Monterey are being printed by the Hawthorn Press. An announcement will be made when they become available to the public.

Three New Members Named to Bi-Centennial Commission

The Selectmen have appointed Sheldon Fenn, Wallace Tryon and Gertrude Gould to the Bi-Centennial Commission. Bette Seigerman is the Chairman.

New Forms Issued by Conservation Commission

Two new forms have been issued by the Conservation Commission. The first is "A Request to Determine the Applicability of the Wetland Protection Act." There is no charge in connection with filing this application. The second is "Wetland Protection Act -- Notice of Intent." There is a fee of \$25 in connection with filing this second form.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

One mass weekly, Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship each Sunday, 10:00 a.m. . . .
Confirmation class each Sunday, 9:15 a.m. . .

Christmas On Sunday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m., we
Worship will celebrate Christmas Sunday. The scrip-
tures, the music and the sermon will all

celebrate the event of Christ's birth among us. . . . On Sunday evening, at 7:30, the candlelight service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated. Many persons will participate with scripture reading, music and successive lighting of candles until all worshipers receive "a symbol" of the light that came into the world in Christ's advent.

Common Beginning in Advent the United Church of Christ has joined a number
Lectionary of other Churches in using a common lectionary. The lectionary is
the suggested scripture lessons to be used on Sundays and festivals
of the Church year. The other Churches joining in the use of this
lectionary are Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Presbyterian.

Interior Decoration The Parish Council voted to proceed with plans for painting
During Winter the interior of the sanctuary during the winter months. It
will be done by the purchase of materials and paying hourly
wages, rather than on contract. In the canvass last summer
about \$1,600 was pledged or given for this project. It was estimated that \$3,000
would be required. The Parish Council wishes to make known this need and earnestly
requests any persons who might wish to help in this project to send contributions
to the treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Brancazzu or to Dr. Brallier. This project is a part
of the Bi-Centennial Celebration "fix-up paint-up" program.

Service in Social The Parish Council voted that, beginning early in 1975, wor-
Room during Winter ship will be held in the social room. The reasons for this
are the following: 1) to effect whatever fuel savings this
may achieve, and 2) because of the renovation work.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN MONTEREY

Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party. All are invited.
Santa will be bringing gifts to children through second grade. Program by
youth groups.

Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Morning Worship. Statement above.

Sunday, December 22, 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. A cele-
bration of the season using word, song and light to declare the Christmas Story.

Monday, December 23, 6:30 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling. Any in the community
who would enjoy caroling for sick and shut-in persons. The more the merrier!
Cocoa and coffee in social room afterward.

Tuesday, December 24, 7:30 p.m. Christmas at Gould Farm. Meet at Main House and
go to the barn for a live Nativity Scene.

Sunday, December 29, 7:30 p.m. Community Festival Evening. All Monterey neighbors
invited to gather to sing carols, present special Christmas music. Refresh-
ments. This is the December event decided upon in place of the community pot-
luck supper held in recent months.

If you would like to help Santa Claus buy the presents for the Children's Christ-
mas party you are invited to mail your contribution to Mrs. Paul Thorn, Monterey.

Name _____ Contribution _____

Address _____

FOOD AND CONSCIENCE

Food is moving rapidly into the forefront of our awareness these days. It seems strange that it sometimes requires such dramatic happenings to get through to our awareness. As far as we can reach back in recorded history the human race has had its struggle with the problem of starvation and shortages of food. But just now the rapidly sharpening crisis over a world food shortage is being brought to our consciousness by pictures of starving people and by staggering statistics concerning the many millions who are now dying or soon will die for lack of food. Everything points toward this situation becoming worse rather than better.

Many years ago a deep impression was made upon me by a woman who had grown up in Eastern Europe. A dried-up piece of bread was about to be thrown in the garbage. She rushed up to rescue that withered, hardened morsel with the exclamation, "Bread must never be thrown away with the garbage. It is sacred." Then she went on to give instructions on the proper way to handle inedible bread. She pointed out that it is really not as inedible as it appears, for there are numerous ways to use dried bread in nourishing recipes. It can be fed to animals. It can be crumbled and given to the birds. Failing all these, it can still be placed reverently on the ground and allowed to become part of the soil again. She made the point clear. The ultimate in disrespect is to treat bread as useless garbage. Bread is to be treated with special respect, for it represents all food. The ritual of respect for bread is to represent our attitude toward all food.

If all of us had been deeply taught the sacredness of bread, as this woman sought to convey it to me, our world might be in a different condition. The problem is deeper than world population outrunning the food supply. True, this is happening. I am not suggesting that we ignore this dimension. We and world leaders must bring our best planning to bear on this with all due haste.

What I am suggesting is an approach that does not wait for "world leaders" to make decisions. When food becomes a matter of conscience, then the small decisions you and I make on a day-to-day basis begin to tip the scales by that much. Every ounce of food I do not waste through carelessness or over-consumption is added to the world's food supply. If a few of us begin treating our daily bread in this fashion we can start to make a little difference. If many of us should develop a keen conscience about food, the scales would be tipped by that much more.

Someone says to me, "Yes, but if I save food by my greater care, who is to see that the world's hungry people will get it? Some other 'human hag' will likely gobble it up." This is no place to cop out because of the other person. By watching what the other person does we cripple our own sense of responsibility. I do not need to wait for "the other person" to join the endeavor before I do something. By myself, all alone, I can start to make a difference. I am determined to make that difference, no matter what anyone else chooses to do.

I am gratified by the awareness I find arising in many people concerning their use of food. When OX FAM declared a world day of fasting on November 21, I realized that, although I had "fasted" by missing meals or eating only rice or corn meal, I had never gone a day in my life totally without food, I determined to find out what that was like. Though I drank quite a lot of fluids I stayed away entirely from solid foods for thirty-six hours. I am grateful that my conscience was prodded to do this. We estimated our family saved \$6.00 worth of food by the varying forms of fasting we engaged in during the day. Our saving was added to the fund to help feed the world's hungry. Many others in this community also fasted. And we were only one of several communities doing so. One day makes a difference. More days will make still more difference.

A number of people, having had this experience, are going to have foodless days on a regular basis. Many institutions offered their people the opportunity to fast and add what was saved to some fund for feeding the hungry. Many chose this option. A number of people are questioning the morality of channeling so much of our grain through animals so that we can have meat on the table. Many families are now choosing meatless days or meatless meals as a matter of conscience. Every pound of meat not eaten releases five to ten pounds of grain for feeding hungry mouths.

I am thrilled by a group of young adults in our community who have a deepening sense of reverence for the good earth and concern for ways to use our resources with much greater care. I want to report a rapidly deepening sense of conscience about the way we use the resources of the earth.

Use your imagination. Food and conscience can make a wonderful union. The very heart of this union is contained in the cry of that sensitive woman, "Bread must never be thrown away with the garbage, It is sacred." This is another way of making an ancient declaration: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GOULD FARM NEWS

On November 21 Corin O'Dell Miller made his entry into this world. He is the first child of Susan O'Dell and Jeffrey Miller, staff members at Gould Farm since early January. He is also the first baby born at the Farm in forty years or more. His first public appearance, a great success, was at Thanksgiving dinner, at the age of one week.

Thanksgiving itself was celebrated traditionally. While, as usual, a few guests and staff were away, others came for the occasion. After a short service, more than ninety people joined in the mid-day dinner and in listening to the reports that followed. These started with the events of that meager meal sixty-one years ago, following the arrival here of William and Agnes Gould and their family. The talks went on to cover farm and garden operations for the year just past. "Everything was great!" one guest exclaimed.

A brief Hanukkah observation was held early this month, led by Maxine Mason and Monty Gatsworth. They gave clear and interesting talks about the origin of this holiday, with appropriate prayers in Hebrew.

Advent wreaths, made by Marta Meluleni and Mary Ann Carter, are being lighted in the Main House living room and dinning room.

Two new staff members have arrived. Randy Schmitt came November 16 to help with leading the outdoor work program, and also in the kitchen. He has worked in several fields, including such diverse ones as electronics and cooking. Most recently he was a psychiatric aide in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has lived in Chicago and Boston and has travelled widely in this country and in the British Isles.

Cheryl Artman arrived December 9 from York, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Brethren Volunteer Services and has been training for a month in Illinois. She is considering entering nurse's training when her time comes to leave Gould Farm.

On Saturday, December 14, the Board of Directors met for their last quarterly session in 1974. In addition to electing officers of the Board, they considered and acted upon matters of pressing concern to the Farm. These included the extension for another three years of Kent Smith's contract as Executive Director.

Rose McKee

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians participated in a delightful Christmas program at the home of Gertrude Gould on December 11. There was carol singing by the group and an enjoyable contribution by several Monterey residents of special musical numbers appropriate to the season.

An unusual treat was the showing of slides of a number of masterpieces depicting the Madonna theme, accompanied by Christmas musical recordings. This was the last evening meeting until spring. However, the "Growth through Personal Relationships" group, under the sponsorship of the Philergians, will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Evelyn Chamberlain
Secretary

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The annual Toy Fair was held December 9 and 10 at the Mill River School. It was a great success. On Saturday, December 14, another movie in the series produced especially for younger children was shown at the New Marlborough Town Hall. On Tuesday evening, December 17, the regular meeting of the New Marlborough-Monterey PTA will be held, at which time Mr. Norman Seigerman will discuss the Southern Berkshire Community Arts Council, of which he is the co-founder.

Cynthia Weber
President

MONTEREY GRANGE

At its last meeting, December 4, Monterey Grange #291 observed "Officers' Exchange Night." Visiting officers were present from Great Barrington, Sandisfield, Heart of the Berkshires, Worthington and Stockbridge Granges. Also represented was Cawassa Grange, from Collinsville, Connecticut. Rupert King, Master of Berkshire South Pomona was guest Master. A variety program was enjoyed.

The next meeting will be December 18. A Christmas program is planned and there will be a \$1.00 gift exchange.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer



GIRL SCOUTS

The Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes have been busy practicing for the town Christmas party that will be held on the 20th. The Brownies will be doing a skit on "Frosty the Snowman," while the Cadettes will present "Christmas in Foreign Lands." The Juniors will have a skit on "The Christmas Witch." The skits will also be presented at the nursing home on December 22.

BOY SCOUTS

The Monterey-Otis troop are preparing for a family potluck supper in January. Badge work has been done during the weekly meetings.

Cubs and Webelos: Pack 51 held its Pack Meeting Friday, December 13, at New Marlborough Town Hall. Awards were given out by our new Cub Master, Mr. Robert Gauthier. Den I is under the new leadership of Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Gauthier. Bob Cat awards went to Dennis O'Connor, David Gauthier, Kurt Callahan, Richard MacDowell and Rudra Keiler. The following Webelos, under the leadership of Mrs. Andrus, received Athletic Pins: Todd Beattie, Todd Clark, Joey Hall, James Gauthier, James Makuc and Richard Andrus. Mrs. Maryellen Brown was given a plate from the Webelos with the boys' names on it, in appreciation of the six weeks she spent teaching them gymnastics. Thanksgiving skits were performed by Den I and II (New Marlborough). The Webelos did a gymnastic demonstration. The evening ended with "Jingle Bells" and a wish for a Merry Christmas to all.

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club: This past month we have made Spicy Pumpkin Torte, Fruit Jello, Apple Crisp and Peanut Butter Candy. Our club put on a skit for Achievement Night. The name of the skit was "The Three V's!" Kristine Heath was Kitty Carrot, Danny Andrus was Andy Apple, Kenny Heath was Tom Tomato, Wendy Bynack was Lilly Lemon, Billy Bynack was Carl Cabbage and Shawn Ryder was Oscar Onion.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club: Our meeting this month was spent in rehearsing for the play that we put on for Achievement Night. Each member of the club had to give a definition of at least two parts of a horse's body and show where on the horse they were located. The horse was acted out by Kristine and Susan Heath.

Mary O'Connor
News Reporter

Lick'em and Stick'em Stamp Club: The stamp group had an exhibit at the recent Achievement Night. The exhibit consisted of different types of stamp collecting.

Woolly, Feather, Fur Farmers: At the December meeting the election of officers took place. The results were: President - Susan Heath; Vice-President - Wendy Bynack; Treasurer - Susan O'Connor; Secretary - Mary O'Connor; News Reporter - Karen Gillis. It was voted that no dues would be taken. If money is needed for a field trip or for a speaker a supper will be held. It was also voted to have a banner for the group. Everyone was asked to bring in a design for the banner at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on January 9 in the church basement. At this time different members will be discussing their problems and successes in raising animals. Every boy and girl age 6 and up are invited to join this new 4-H group.

Berkshire County 4-H Leaders and Special Awards Banquet: Kristine Heath and Shawn Ryder of Monterey were named the outstanding 4-H girl and boy under 14 years of age for the year in Berkshire County. Those receiving county medals at the banquet were Susan Heath for Dog Care and Beef; Shawn Ryder for Conservation and Photography; Kristine Heath for Poultry and Swine. A ten-year pin was presented to Mrs. Ryder and five-year pins to Mrs. Marion Thomson and Mrs. Mary Heath.

Achievement Night: Approximately 75 people attended the evening's event, held on Friday, December 6. 4-H members from Otis, Blandford, Sandisfield and Monterey gave skits and exhibits on their projects. Mr. Donald Kelso, 4-H agent, gave out the awards. Mr. Kelso also showed slides of the recent "Happy Wanderers" trip to Montana. A list of the awards will be in the next issue of the MONTEREY NEWS.

Lois Ryder

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Leonard Weber Exhibition in Pittsfield

An exhibition is currently being held of water colors and washes by Leonard Weber of Monterey at the Berkshire Museum. It will run through the month of December.

Explanation of National Food Stamp Program

Southern Berkshire Community Action will gladly explain the national Food Stamp Program to those who desire to know about it. They will help determine if a person qualifies for this benefit and explain how it works. Inquiries may be made by calling 528-1947.

Confirmation Class Needs Place for Winter Retreat

The confirmation class is planning for a winter retreat, over a weekend in January or February. It will be a combined study-recreation event. If a winterized] cottage in the area were available, a half-dozen young people would be greatly pleased. If anyone knows of such a place, Dr. Virgil Brallier would be glad to receive word of it.

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Drs. Hugh and Alice De Martino, Miss Mary Lou Dettmer, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Doorley, Rev. & Mrs. Leon Flanders, Dr. Edward Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Germain, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gillis, Mr. Mort Goodman, Miss Eleanor Goodyear, Mrs. Ruth Gordon, Mrs. James Gould, Mr. Edward Green, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hardisty, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hardisty, Rev. H. B. Hinchcliff, Mr. & Mrs. Bjorn Jenssen, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kalodner, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Kessler, Mr. John Kotleski, Mrs. Everett McCue, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Messenger, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Molle', Mr. & Mrs. Ed Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Morse, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Niedzienski, Mrs. Gordon Nightingale, Mr. & Mrs. Merton O'Prey, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Patton, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Pearl, Mr. & Mrs. Montimer Pearl, Mrs. P. E. Plehn, Dr. & Mrs. Hampton Price, Mr. William Purcell, Mrs. Gloria Quintal, Rev. & Mrs. George Razee, Mr. & Mrs. E. Rigali, Mrs. Howard Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rosenstein, Mr. Alan Roland, Mr. & Mrs. John Ryder, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sabin, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schreiber, Mr. Peter Schweitzer, Mr. & Mrs. Amiel Segal, Mrs. Helen Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Shulock, Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Silberner, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thober, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thorn, Mrs. Eleanor Varney, Mrs. Anne Vickerman, Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weber, Mrs. Hildegard Wolff, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Worden.

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